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TO ~~REDACTED~~

DATE: 6 October 1953

FROM ~~REDACTED~~

*Article E*

SUBJECT: Attached copy of letter dated 2 July 1953

~~REDACTED~~ is the outstanding expert on Erythrina alkaloids in this country, and has published 10 to 15 papers on the subject.

The dried extract apparently does not contain the narcotic substance which an extract of the fresh flowers would contain. This is being handled by Gottlieb in TSS.



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The person  
to whom  
1 Oct 1953

July 2, 1953.

Dear [redacted]

[redacted] of the [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D.C., and two of  
his associates, [redacted] and [redacted]  
are deeply interested in some of the hypnotic properties  
attributed to decoctions of fresh Erythrina flowers or  
other plant parts.

I have discussed this with them and explained that  
we in [redacted] have not been successful in demonstrating these  
effects with dried material. They would like to visit  
[redacted] to see a demonstration of this effect and would  
begin active research aimed at isolation of the principle  
causing the activity if they could witness it.

Perhaps you would be willing to arrange for an  
interview with them in August or at your early convenience.  
Would you be kind enough to inform me if a demonstration of  
this drug activity can be arranged?

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]  
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